



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
WORLD HEALTH DAY
APRIL 7, 2004

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization will recognize World Health Day on April 7, 2004, to raise awareness of specific health issues, and will focus this year on road safety, the first time vehicle crashes have been highlighted as a health risk; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among people aged one to 34 years and one of the top ten causes of death for any age, with more than 42,000 deaths nationwide each year; and

WHEREAS, AAA North Dakota, in partnership with the Pan American Health Organization and the American branch of the World Health Organization, is working to reduce traffic crashes and injuries by promoting the importance of wearing seatbelts, obeying traffic laws, avoiding distracted driving and recognizing personal driving limits; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness, enforcement and strengthening of existing laws may significantly reduce death and injury from motor vehicle crashes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 7, 2004, **WORLD HEALTH DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State